







## THE ISOMONY.

Some time ago I received by mail a chattering, gibbering sheet which bears the name of "Reed's Isomony." By looking up the word in the dictionary I found it means "equal rights and privileges," and after reading several of the articles, I was fully convinced that "equal rights and privileges" were being sustained by a Reed—a very tall one.

The paper is aping the Iconoclast and its founder, giving a poor imitation of the Brann brand of brains. Its editor hasn't sense enough to know the novelty of word-chewing has worn off, and imagines that the man he has hired to shake words out of the dictionary, like a dog shakes squeaks out of a rat, is an expert of the Brann type, and that he can begin where Brann left off and make a great name and success.

The facts are that for his own glory and reputation Brann was killed by the raising of the issue. The novelty of dragging out uncommon and unused big words and fitting them in sentences to take the place of simple words in common use had begun to wear off, and had he lived much longer, he would have disgusted and wearied every one.

There was some originality and individuality in Brann. He was strong there is absolutely none. He is the shoddiest kind of an imitator.

To be fair with him, I dragged out several copies of the Iconoclast, and read one of Brann's articles and then one of Armstrong's, and it was like drinking skunk-milk tainted with the croak.

The first article in this number of the Isomony was a news item of the kind of a man in Alabama, Antonio, and running its owners out of town.

A whole page is given to this small matter of interest, and the joint and the evils of opium are pictured in the most extravagant and jaw-breaking phrases and words.

Here are some of them—"telltale fascination," "the hands of justice," "secretary and 'sivereal,'" "sugillated with a fall of copper," "helmeted," "marooned," "flauners gutter snipes," and "emir-odyla."

The next article headed, "A Brace of Notorious Hell-Hounds," a brace of terrible news items describing the cruelties of a man in Alabama, a terrible punishment it is true, but the idea of resorting to the following words and phrases to describe the circumstance could have originated only in the mind of a crank.

"Zambo harrier," "malificent mutes," "scaphognathous," "muckworms of the," "deplorable as a scylla of the damned," "muggets and leasens of the," "Alabama Abdons."

Why all this beautiful string of epithets were needed to describe the simple attack upon a citizen of Alabama, may be known to Armstrong but not to any person or nation with ordinary common sense.

There's that something about it that snatches of the Iconoclast, and its various endeavors to appear smarter than other people, by performing little senseless tricks and attempting to say funny things.

Any one can begin with the letter A in the dictionary and find a great deal of uncommon and unheard-of words having a plain common meaning, and so keep repeating them and wedge into his composition. It is possible for a fool to be expert in such interchange of words, but it is just what a fool to be expert in such doing, imagining that by the use of words not common or needing to the speech of educated people, he can appear exceptional and smart.

There is nothing smart, bright or exceptional in this. In fact, if it were tended to strengthen or adorn speech, orators, lecturers, and publicists, essayists, editors and reporters, would long ago have dropped on to the style.

But syntax has its degenerate as well as other things, and Reed's Isomony has become a vehicle for the kind of a speech that is a disgrace to the name of Isomony.

Armstrong is the "Wild man of Borneo" in this time museum of ill-words, while Brann is a more dignified and intelligent man, who has written an article in the Blue Grass Blade accusing Armstrong of playing into the hands of Catholicism as Brann had done.

Armstrong replies to Brann in a more dignified and intelligent manner. When he don't make a dictionary bobon of himself, he will pass for normal; but generally speaking, he is afflicted with a plethora of words and is afflicted with a bad habit of flux of phrases, and an indigestion of facts.

Severance, who is one of the cleverest and most forcible and logical writers in the country—a man devoted to principle, makes a mistake in answering any argument or position assumed by Armstrong or any other kind of Isomony.

These outcasts of principle most desirable to be noticed. Every notice given them is a free advertisement. Like Brann, they are totally devoid of principle or any positive opinion. They would be argued with and they are on any side that will bring them notoriety and patronage.

Freethought editors by noticing them, only direct attention to them and give them free advertisement.

To get this, they have resorted to attack editors whom they think they can provoke to a reply.

I am glad to notice that the Liberal Journals are paying no notice to this many scavenger which stands for nothing and which they are to except remote corners of Webster's Dictionary.

In this same issue is an attack on Mr. Moore, who has had the good sense not to notice it, which, no doubt was a disaster to the Isomony. Isomony is bound to go under, for it has neither originality nor individuality—it is nothing but a poor set of symbols.

tempt to imitate a man, who took for a short time, as a title and jagged of unused and unheard-of words. It will last only for such a time as its fool editor has money enough to blow in on the venture.

As I said before, the novelty of word twisting has become an ancient toy.

Armstrong tried to imitate Brann while he was living, with the Automaton; and Hurt tried it with the Gating Gun, and both flickered out. Isomony already is reeling with a death-sneeze. Who ever heard any one speak of Isomony?

It can't live not only because it lacks vitality, but because there is not one redeeming thing about it that merits the approbation of nature, man or animal, reptile, bug or bacile.

Let it die early, and don't prolong its life by noticing it.

Comment.—The above was written for the Blade by one of our finest writers but had his name and jagged of unused and unheard-of words. It will last only for such a time as its fool editor has money enough to blow in on the venture.

But mine having appeared first he wrote of the above, after "was" in type asked that he not print it. I printed it changing his initials to "X. Y. Z."

I have done this because of the great merit of the piece.

I, however, disagree with X. Y. Z. in this matter.

Neither Brann and the Iconoclast, nor Armstrong and the Isomony were, but such men are important. It takes to tell us, then so far as they were, and are, concerned, personally.

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## SUICIDE.

Said By Rev. W. F. Lloyd, of Louisville To Be Attributable to Infidelity.

Large List of suicides in Lexington, All Christians; most of them Prominent Ones.

In the Courier-Journal, of August 18, there is a picture of "The Rev. W. F. Lloyd," and arranged around him, in his head-lines, is the following:

"Deplores spread of suicide in the United States—Indignities which are shown dead bodies. All suicides are cowardly. Imprisonment for those who try an fall to destroy themselves. Causes of self murder."

Lloyd is a Methodist and has a nug on him, that explains why the newspapers abound in stories of the villainies of Methodist preachers among women.

I give extracts as follows: "He declared there was a remedy for suicide. He said indignity should be shown the body of a suicide and that those who try self-destruction and... should be punished by imprisonment. I printed it changing his initials to 'X. Y. Z.'"

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side by drowning. I think he was a Catholic.

If Rev. Lloyd could introduce excommunication hanging for those who attempt suicide and fail, it would certainly stop it in those cases.

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## PETITION FOR DR. HAMMER.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTY, OR PARTIES, MOST RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR A. B. CUMMINS OF THE STATE OF IOWA, TO PARDON DR. MARION R. HAMMER, OF NEWTON, IOWA, NOW IN THE PENITENTIARY AT FORT MADISON, IOWA.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of August, 1892.

WILSON'S LECTURES. The two lectures by Dr. Wilson, which are now published in pamphlets, "The Christian Immortality" a normal desire of the human mind; and "Imperialistic Ecclesiasticism and Economic Tyranny" the cause of Anarchy. Their popularity is attested by the fact that all the editions of Blades in which they were both published were snapped up in orders of tens, twenties and hundreds.

I have placed myself in debt by publishing a large quantity of these pamphlets, and I hope to be able to pay it and relieve me by purchasing them at once. You will not only be helping me, but helping the cause of truth.

The prices of the pamphlets on "Immortality" is 15 cents or 5 for \$1. On "Cause of Anarchy" 10 cents or 12 for \$1.

THE CHRIST STORY, OR THE FOUNDATION DEFECTIVE. (By W. J. Dean, of Toledo, Oregon.) Is a pamphlet for sale at the Blade office. It is a full and complete refutation of the argument against the Christian religion, based on the New Testament.

Buffalo papers tell of the arrest of Rev. Dr. M. K. Kish of the Baptist church, for compromising with a saloon keeper. Kish is a prominent member of the church, and has been a member of the church for many years.

Rev. Charles Hill, Congregationalist of Terre Haute, Ind., has confessed that he had been a saloon keeper for many years, and had been a member of the church for many years.

WILSHIRE AGIN MY MOLLY. Toronto, Can., Aug. 18, '92. Blue Grass Blade:—I see that Reed's Isomony jumps on you and Mary Ann. I think it is a little bit of a joke.

Let me know what you said of her. Send marked copy—I missed it. WILSHIRE.

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SON KILLS FATHER TO SAVE MOTHER'S LIFE. Ottumwa, Iowa, Aug. 13.—J. H. Sims, a wealthy farmer, was shot and killed by his son, who was charged with the crime of murdering his father.

Comment.—Once there was an Irishman whipping his wife and the cops arrested him and the wife and the wife was a poor country for liberty where a man can't whip his own dear drunk."

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I am an enthusiast as well as your self, Magistrate Dooley is an instance of what the church has done, and will do, whenever it has the power.

If that magistrate lived in Illinois his name would soon be Doltitie.

Churches here are glad to have attendants even if they are asleep—better than empty seats.

My friends in Illinois read the Blue Grass Blade, Freeethought Magazine, Higher Science, Tom Paine and the Ingersoll.

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